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PSC releases findings of EKPC management audit

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FRANKFORT, Ky.—The Kentucky Public Service Commission today released the results of a nine month management audit of East Kentucky Power Cooperative (EKPC). The audit, conducted by Liberty Consulting Group of Quentin, PA, found EKPC to be among the top generation and transmission cooperatives in the country.

The report from Liberty Consulting identified 13 task areas and included 50 recommendations that include enhanced strategic planning and marketing; increased efforts to control costs and reallocate resources; and benchmarking against industry best practices. In its report, Liberty cited the recommendations as “an opportunity for EKPC to even further improve operations that are already functioning effectively.”

The audit was paid for by EKPC and was initiated by the commission to provide a detailed, focused review of EKPC’s efforts to enhance the quality and delivery of services offered to its member cooperatives and its customers. The project also analyzed EKPC’s efforts to prepare for and effectively compete in deregulated energy markets.

EKPC serves more than 430,000 consumers across 89 Kentucky counties. It generates and transmits electric power for 17 Kentucky rural electric distribution cooperatives: Big Sandy RECC, Paintsville; Blue Grass Energy Co-op, Nicholasville; Clark Energy Co-op, Winchester; Cumberland Valley Electric, Gray; Farmers RECC, Glasgow; Fleming-Mason Energy Co-op, Flemingsburg; Grayson RECC, Grayson; Harrison Electric Co-op, Cynthiana; Inter-County Energy, Danville; Jackson Energy Co-op, McKee; Licking Valley RECC, West Liberty; Nolin RECC, Elizabethtown; Owen Electric Co-op, Owenton; Salt River Electric Co-op, Bardstown; Shelby Energy Co-op, Shelbyville; South Kentucky RECC, Somerset; and Taylor County RECC, Campbellsville.

The audit was the PSC’s 25th management audit since the program began in 1983. It was the second management audit of EKPC. The first audit was performed in 1987.

